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SUBJECT: SECRETARY MORTON'S VISIT TO PRC

1. FYI, FOLLOWING IS TEXT AP STORY DATED TOKYO MAY 12.
2. BEGIN TEXT. U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ROGERS C. B. MORTON LEFT FOR PEKING TODAY FOR TALKS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA THIS FALL.

CHINESE OFFICIALS ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS WITH MORTON POSSIBLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE PETROLEUM RESOURCES, SOURCES SAID.

MORTON, WHO WAS IN TOKYO FOR THE OPENING SUNDAY OF THE WORLD PETROLEUM CONFERENCE, SPOKE WITH JAPAN'S MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, TOSHIO KOMOTO, BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHINA.

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MORTON AND KOMOTO AGREED THAT WASHINGTON AND TOKYO SHOULD

WORK TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT A NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL
TALKS TO LIBERALIZE TRADE AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED JOINT

CONFERENCE OF OIL CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES,
OFFICIALS SAID.

MORTON IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO JAPAN FROM CHINA ON
FRIDAY. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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